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1. RANJITSINH HAS WRITTEN TO FORESTS SECRETARY OF ORISSA GOVERNMENT, MR. CHATTERJEE, ENCLOSING COPY OF DR. SALIM ALLI'S DECEMBER 16 LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER AND STATING "SINCE THE COLLECTION IS TO BE MADE FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES, THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN GIVING PERMISSION FOR THE SAME UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE WILDLIFE (PROTECTION) ACT 1972".

2. REGARDING IMPORT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION WE HAVE MADE CAREFUL CHECKS OF THE REGULATIONS FOR TOURIST IMPORTS AND ADVISED SIMI PER REFTEL E "INDIAN CUSTOMS REGULATIONS ALLOW TEMPORARY IMPORT FREE OF DUTY OF THREE SPORTING FIREARMS PER VISITOR PROVIDED AN UNDERTAKING IS GIVEN TO RE-EXPORT THESE FIREARMS AND AN ARMS POSSESSION LICENCE IS OBTAINED FROM AN INDIAN MISSION ABROAD PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. A TOTAL QUANTITY OF TWO HUNDRED CARTRIDGES PER VISITOR MAY BE IMPORTED DUTY FREE, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL TWO HUNDRED CARTRIDGES PROVIDING FULL DUTY IS PAID. DUTY PAYABLE IS 120 PER CENT"

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3. ARMS AND AMUNITION NOW BEING IMPORTED BY THE RIPLEYS AS ACCOM-

PANIED BAGGAGE COMPRISE (A) ONE 16G DB SHOTGUN GREENERS NO. 66968. THIS HAD BEEN BROUGHT WITH THEM ON PREVIOUS VISITS; (B) ONE 16G DB SHOTGUN MANTONS NO. 2515 WITH ADAPTERS FOR THESE VIZ (1) FOUR 32G (11) FOUR 410G (111) TWO 22G; (C) ONE 22-410 OVER AND UNDER SHOTGUN SAVAGES MODEL 24J; (D) DUST SHOT AMMUNITION (1) 200 ROUNDS 22G (11) 400 ROUNDS 410G.

4. THE GUNS AND AMMUNITION COME WITHIN THE TOURIST IMPORTS ALLOWED RIPLEY HAS ALREADY REQUESTED INDIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR ARMS POSSESSION LICENCE. REF. C.

5. DR. SALIM ALI ARRIVES JAMSHEDPUR BY TRAIN 1035 HOURS FEBRUARY ONE AND JOINS RIPLEY THERE. ITINERARY AS NOW KNOWN IS AS FOLLOWS: FIRST DAY TO JASHIPUR SECOND DAY TO CHAHALA FIFTH TO KHADKAHAI FOREST CAMP SEVENTH DHUDRUCHAMPA NINTH JENABIL TENTH UPPERBARAKA-MUDA ELEVENTH BHANJABASA FOREST CAMP FOURTEENTH DUDHIANI FIFTEENTH MALAYAGIRI FOREST CAMP SIXTEENTH TIKERPARA TWENTYFIRST DARINGBADI VIA PHULBANI TWENTYSECOND GUMMA FOREST CAMP TWENTYTHIRD DHARAMGARH FOREST CAMP TWENTYFOURTH MOTU TWENTYFIFTH KONTA (MP) THIRTIETH MOTU THIRTYFIRST CHITRAKUNDA THIRTYSECOND DONKARAI (A0) THIRTY-FOURTH CHINTAPALLY (A0) THIRTYFIFTH VISHAKHAPATNAM (AP). ADD EXTRA FIVE DAYS TO PROVIDE FOR ANY LOCALITY OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND PROMISE.

WE FEEL NECESSARY MURTY BE IN CALCUTTA FOR RIPLEY ARRIVAL. MURTY PLANNING TO ARRIVE CALCUTTA LATE THURSDAY JAN. 30, WITH COPIES OF PERTINENT GOI LETTER AND ITINERARY WITH MAP AND WILL GO OVER LAST MINUTE DETAILS WITH CONGEN. MURTY WILL COLLECT RIPLEY'S PER DIEM AND MEET HIM AT AIRPORT TO BE OF ASSISTANCE WITH CUSTOMS ETC.

FOR DEPARTMENT

PLEASE CONFIRM IF ARMS POSSESSION LICENCE ALREADY OBTAINED AS PER PARA 4 (REFTEL 3).
FOR BOMBAY

EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE IF CONGEN WILL CONTACT DR. SALIM ALI AND ADVISE IF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED.SCHNEIDER

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